Warren C. Swartz, Jr. Tribal President Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 16429 Beartown Road Baraga, Michigan 49908

Re: Request for Government-to-Government Consultation

Dear President Swartz:

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 2012. Although there are no pending federal actions related to the Kennecott Eagle Mine at this time, we are happy to meet with you to discuss the issues you raise in your letter. Kestutis ("Casey") Ambutas, Acting Director of the Region 5 Indian Environmental Office will contact your staff to make mutually acceptable arrangements for our consultation. Alternately, your staff may contact him at (312) 353-1394.

We look forward to meeting with you and your staff at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman Regional Administrator

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